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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

- 1. (original): A method for pricing a cryptographic service, comprising:
- (a) receiving a request for a cryptographic service;
- identifying a computational burden required to perform the cryptographic (b) service, including one or more of a privacy level of the cryptographic service or a speed of performing the cryptographic service; and
- (c) determining a price of the cryptographic service based on the at least one of computational burden, privacy level, and speed.
- 2. (original): The method as recited in claim 1, wherein a user requesting the cryptographic service specifies the privacy level.
- 3. (original): The method as recited in claim 1, wherein a user requesting the cryptographic service specifies the speed of performing the cryptographic service.
- 4. (original): The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising requesting payment for the cryptographic service from a user requesting the cryptographic service.
- 5. (original): The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing private information retrieval.
- 6. (original): The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing group authentication.

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- 7. (original): The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing mix networks.
- 8. (original): A computer program embodied on a compute readable medium for pricing a cryptographic service, comprising:
- (a) a code segment that receives a request for a cryptographic service;
- (b) a code segment that identifies a computational burden required to perform the cryptographic service, including one or more of privacy level of the cryptographic service or speed of performing the cryptographic service; and
- (c) a code segment that determines a price of the cryptographic service based on at least one of computational burden, privacy level, and speed.
- 9. (original): The computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein a user requesting the cryptographic service specifies the privacy level.
- 10. (original): The computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein a user requesting the cryptographic service specifies the speed of performing the cryptographic service.
- 11. (original): The computer program as recited in claim 8, further comprising a code segment that requests payment for the cryptographic service from a user requesting the cryptographic service.
- 12. (original): The computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing private information retrieval.
- 13. The computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing group authentication.
- 14. The computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing mix networks.

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- 15. (original): A system for pricing a cryptographic service, comprising:
- (a) logic that receives a request for a cryptographic service;
- (b) logic that identifies a computational burden required to perform the cryptographic service, including one or more of a privacy level of the cryptographic service or a speed of performing the cryptographic service; and
- (c) logic that determines a price of the cryptographic service based on the at least one of the computational burden, privacy level, and speed.
- 16. (original): The system as recited in claim 15, wherein a user requesting the cryptographic service specifies the privacy level.
- 17. (original): The system as recited in claim 15, wherein a user requesting the cryptographic service specifies the speed of performing the cryptographic service.
- 18. (original): The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising logic that requests payment for the cryptographic service from a user requesting the cryptographic service.
- 19. (original): The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing private information retrieval.
- 20. (original): The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing group authentication.
- 21. (original): The system as recited in claim 15, wherein the cryptographic service includes utilizing mix networks.
- 22. (canceled):
- 23. (canceled):
- 24. (canceled):